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**MARRIAGE.**  
At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on 20th April, by the Revd. E. G. Evans, B.A., HENRY DONALD, son of the late Mr. DONALD JANSZ, Proctor of the Supreme Court of Ceylon, to ELISIE CLARE, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES GRENIER, now of Singapore.

**DEATHS.**  
On 21st ult., at Penang, CHUA YU KAY, formerly Managing Owner of Chong Moh and Kong Hock Steamship Company, and owner of Rice Mills and Sungei Pinang. Aged 42.  
At Shanghai on the 25th April, C. F. MILNE, 2nd Officer of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Irene*.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 4, 1903.

## THE NORTHERN RAILWAY DISPUTE.

The long-talked-of decision of Mr. Dettling as arbitrator in the great railway siding dispute between the British representatives of the bondholders of the Northern railway and the Russian authorities was announced on the 24th April. There are still some minor points in abeyance, but as will be seen by the judgment the British obtain a political victory, and the Russians a financial compensation for injured feelings. We look back now and smile over the incident in which the opposing sentries stood and glared down the muzzles of each other's muskets, and there were many who appreciated the intense humour of the situation even at the time. Yet, small as the occasion was, things were at a very tight tension for a couple of days. Men stood at attention all the night through, officers stole snatches of sleep in full service uniform, and guns gleamed grimly without their canvas coverings. British as well as foreign officers declared we were making an unseemly fuss about the whole business, and thought their commanding officer had made a prodigious blunder. The men to the fore then were Gen. Lorne Campbell and his chief of staff, Col. Swann, now in command of a column in Somaliland. The decision gives them the satisfaction of knowing they were not wrong, and though the disputed land has to be paid for virtually twice over, there may come a day when the right of way which none can stop may prove of greater value to us than ten times the compensation money. We know so little about future developments, beyond the one all but assured fact that China is likely to be a great political theatre, that it is unwise to slight the importance of any advantage however small, and it is a distinct advantage that the railway on which British troops have the right to travel should have an open approach from the Tientsin side. As to what the amount to be paid as compensation may be nothing is yet stated, but if it strictly coincides with the original payment it should not be much. It may be pointed out that though the decision only refers to Prince Su, as he has already abrogated all rights of the said property to the Russian authorities in the Russian Concession, the compensation money really goes to them. Thus both parties are satisfied, and in a measure the decision might be called a compromise. Still, the right of our action is established which is the main thing, and the property remains under British control, which is of still greater importance.

The following is the full text of the decision:—  
*In re:—The "Chi Chia low" land case referred for arbitration by L. C. Hopkins, H. B. M. Consul-General, acting as British Commissioner and L. L. P. M. H. Consul, acting as Russian Commissioner.*  
I, the undersigned, having been called upon to arbitrate in the matter of certain lands formerly forming the site of the village known as Chi Chia low, near the Lao Lung-jow Railway Station, Tientsin, and having duly considered and scrutinized the various arguments and documentary evidence laid before me by the contending parties now, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, award as follows:—  
The land in dispute, having been virtually obtained by the Railway Administration previous to the trouble of 1900, shall remain in their possession as railway property.  
There being ever-disputable points and doubts with regard to the original ownership and right to sell the land in dispute, the Railway Administration shall indemnify Prince Su by paying to him the same compensation which, as stated, was already paid to the alleged late proprietor Sun Wei.

(Signed) DETTLING.  
Tientsin, 20th April 1903.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE Postmaster General is unwell.

THE *Japan Times* says the practical working of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance in China and Corea has been eminently encouraging.

Watch for C. E. LeMunyon's locals in this paper in a few days.—*Advt.*

THE British four-masted barque *Brilliant* is at Woosung. She is the third largest sailing vessel in the world and the largest under the British flag.

THE Korean Empress Dowager is not dead the rumour was started by some unscrupulous native dry goods merchants to push the sale of mourning fabrics.

A CANTON correspondent writes that the reception of the new Viceroy is to be a grand affair; more so, indeed, than was accorded his predecessors.

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Keep track of C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Advt.*

OWING to the inclemency of the weather the band performance, notified for to-day, is cancelled.

THE Yokohama City authorities have determined to levy a tax of three yen on bicycles, to be collected half-yearly.

No English mail bags arrived by the German mail to-day, so the French mail to-morrow is likely to have a double quantity.

A TELEGRAM arrived in a certain quarter in Peking to the effect that France having bribed Governor Wang Chih-chun, French troops had engaged the Kwangsi rebels.

THE *Sandpiper* left Sanshui for Hongkong on the 1st. H.M.S. *Albion* left Yokohama on the 2nd inst. for Weihaiwei. The *Sandpiper* is expected to arrive here on the 8th and the *Europa* on 10th.

HUNDREDS of rails and sleepers have been shipped into the Colony in connection with the electric tramway, and distributed on the Praya East, Observation Place, and as far as the Protestant cemetery.

IT is understood that as soon as Mr. Fraser, British Consul-General at Hankow, gets his leave he will be replaced by Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, who will be succeeded at Forchow by Mr. H. F. Brady, Mr. O'Brien Butler going to Chefoo.

WALTER Hayward, a steward on the P. & O. s.s. *Coromandel* has been charged at Shanghai with feloniously stealing a certain valuable security within the meaning of Acts 24 and 25 Viet. c. 96, contrary to the statute. To wit, a circular note of the value of £25. He was discharged with a caution.

Mr. John Roberts, the billiard champion, will give an exhibition of his skill at the Chinese Club on Wednesday evening. We understand that either Messrs. Stokes or Hinds will play him. It is also reported that the Police Mess is making arrangements to have Mr. Roberts up at their quarters to give an exhibition with the cue.

Keep your eyes open for C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Advt.*

It is understood that the Singapore garrison establishment will be augmented by one company R.G.A., making three companies in all. The additional company of the Hongkong-Singapore Battalion R.G.A. if sanctioned will probably be stationed there when recruiting for the 5th Co. is completed. It is on this duty that Capt. Morris is now engaged on the Punjab, his second visit to India for that purpose.

THE steamer *Ketko Maru* was bought jointly by a Chinese and a Japanese, and registered in the name of the latter, who sold it and kept the whole of the proceeds. The Chinese sued him in the Nagasaki District Court, and the Japanese was condemned to a year's imprisonment with hard labour and to refund 50,000 yen to the Chinese, and this sentence was confirmed by the Nagasaki Court of Appeal. But the Court of Cassation at Tokio has dismissed the suit on the ground that the Japanese law does not permit any ownership of Japanese vessels by aliens.

C. E. LeMunyon has an announcement to make to you very shortly; watch for it.—*Advt.*

THE case in which Howard Brooke was charged on remand with larceny within the jurisdiction of the Straits Settlements on 25th October, 1902, came on for hearing before Mr. F. A. Hareland this afternoon. The first witness called was Mr. F. Fragne, who stated that he was a detective sergeant of the Singapore Police. The warrant, which he held, was issued against accused by Mr. Edward Lewis Brocker, a Police Magistrate at Singapore. Mr. Sidney Custer, who identified the accused, said he was a representative of Messrs. MacAlister & Company, of Singapore. The case was further adjourned to the 7th inst.

A STRANGE rumour was current in the Colony to-day, especially among the Chinese section of the community, to the effect that the Empress Dowager had formed a secret alliance with Russia, and given her the use of Tientsin and Chefoo as naval bases, in case of any friction with Japan. A yet stranger rumour was that hostilities had actually been commenced between Russia and Japan, and that a Japanese trader was sunk off Port Arthur by the forts. It was alleged that the Japanese trader entered Port Arthur in the night and ignored the presence of the guard ships by not reporting herself on arrival. We give the news as supplied to us by native informers.

BEFORE Mr. F. A. Hareland, this morning, Captain Beetham of the s.s. *Tartar* charged one of the ship's boys with aiding and abetting two native stowaways on the last trip from this Port to Vancouver. From the evidence it appeared that whilst the vessel was at sea, on 21st March, the captain, on going his rounds, discovered the two stowaways in the linen locker, and when questioned as to their presence, he was informed that the "boy" had stowed them away. On arrival at Vancouver, however, friends of the two stowaways on being notified of the fact, paid their passages. The Magistrate fined the boy \$150 or two months, Mr. J. H. Davis, chief officer of the s.s. *Tartar*, gave evidence in support of the charge.

Watch C. E. LeMunyon's announcements in this paper.—*Advt.*

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## THE KWANGSI FAMINE.

H.E. the Governor has kindly placed at our disposal the following letter received from Mr. Clement, and dated Tsam Chau Fu, Kwangsi, 26th ultimo:—

I left Hongkong by the S.S. *Kwang Chau* on the 21st instant reaching Canton at 6 a.m. the following morning.  
I left Canton at 8 a.m. the same day by the S.S. *Sat Nam*, reaching Wuchow at 4 p.m. on the 23rd instant. I had no time, while in Canton, to call upon the Consul-General, but I hope to do so on my way back.

Perhaps, meanwhile, your Excellency will be good enough to inform him of the mission upon which you have sent me. At Wuchow I called upon Mr. Fox, the British Consul, but could obtain but few particulars concerning the famine from him, and on his advice proceeded without delay to Tsam Chau the prefectural town, which I understand the Chinese authorities propose to make the capital of this province.

I left Wuchow by launch at 6 a.m. on the 24th inst. and arrived at Tsam Chau (潯州) at 8.30 a.m. next morning accompanied by Mr. R. A. Jaffray (of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of New York). We were met by Mr. J. E. Fee of the same mission who resides in Tsam Chau. The first sight I saw on entering the town was a man lying in the street actually dying but not quite dead whom two men were picking up with a rope to carry off to bury. The same evening walking round the city wall, I saw another man's dead body and a little later I also saw the burial, which consisted in throwing the uncoffined body into a small pit dug just outside the city wall, and filling up to the pit with earth.

The sights I have seen since my arrival have appalled me, and I am not astounded that the Chinese should now call Tsam Chau a dead place (死地). Yesterday was a market day therefore there was no distribution, for two reasons: (1) that the number of people coming into town on such a day would be more than the present relief fund can cope with; (2) that a number of fairly well-to-do importers might be expected to apply for rice on the market days. Accordingly, I employed my afternoon in walking through the neighbouring country. The destitution actually existing there now is terrible. The people have first sold their goods and chattels, then their farming implements, next the water buffaloes with which they ploughed their fields, then the tiles of the roof of their house, then their daughters, sons, and family and even their wives. The farms' ends are bare walls except anything save a little dirty straw on which to lie.

The state of absolute destitution can only go increasing until the next rice harvest which is due at the end of July and the one ray of hope is that the harvest promises well. It is true that in many cases the farmers have had no rice to plant and that number of fields are lying fallow, but on the whole I should be inclined to think from my inspection of the surrounding country that the next rice crop will go far to relieve distress in the neighbourhood of Tsam Chau. The rain which has fallen and continues to fall is most seasonable, and the spirit of the people is most admirable; the farmers yoke themselves to their own plough, to turn up their own fields and make the utmost of any help extended to them. It must be borne in mind that the present famine is not due to any lack of exertion on their part, but to the failure of the second harvest in 1901 on account of drought, of the first harvest in 1902 on account of drought also, and of the second harvest in 1902, because of flood and drought combined. The aim must therefore be to support the starving people until the end of next July and some estimate will have to be formed for the present on this basis.

Famine work began at Tsam Chau systematically on 4th March by the Alliance Mission under the superintendence of Mr. Fox (Canadian) assisted by Mr. Fee, his wife, and by Mr. H. Zehr (American) also of the Alliance Mission. The fund was constituted entirely by private subscriptions which on the 5th inst. had aggregated a total sum of \$2,105.50; but at the present time these subscriptions come in fitfully and in small sums making the anxiety of the distributors great. To-day Mr. Fee is left with money only sufficient for one day's supply, rice has necessarily hitherto been bought locally in Tsam Chau at the local rates, e.g., on the 11th inst. 15 piculs cost \$90 Mex. and on the 23rd instant 10 piculs cost \$59.45 Mex. It is probable that with free transport and freedom from duty assured the rice can be bought more cheaply at Hongkong, and forwarded via Wuchow to the distributing centres. The Chinese authorities have left Mr. Fee the Man Shau Kung 萬壽宮 or Emperor's Temple as the place for distribution. Here the indigent collect together from dawn till noon, when the gates are closed and distribution commences of rice (uncooked) and rice-gruel (cooked). It is the aim of the distributors to give, if possible, two tickets to each of the starving people; with one ticket they can obtain the gruel for immediate consumption while with the other they obtain a measure of rice for their own use, either to be eaten as rice or to be turned into gruel. Each measure of rice given out contains 4.50, while the rice gruel is doled out by the quart. I attended this afternoon at a distribution to 4,197 persons and 6,134 tickets issued, the actual amount of rice issued being 194 piculs. Nothing is given on market days, i.e., every third day, and Mr. Fee suggests (and I agree in the suggestion) that if the quantity of rice on hand is sufficient, the measure issued should be increased, and the distribution at the Man Shau Kung made only once in three days. This will enable the people to come in from the countryside and thereby extend the relief area, while at the same time it will lessen the labour of distribution, which is very heavy. The actual distribution to-day lasted from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and distribution must be made in the middle of the day in order to enable the people to return home or at least to find shelter for the night. The cooking of the gruel, etc., etc., takes time but need not involve any expenditure, as thousands would only be too thankful to work and to cook for their rice and a night's shelter.

Distribution is also being made by the Chinese at Tsam Chau in three ways: (1) There is the official relief fund, to which the Governor of Kwang Si, Wong Chi Chun 王之春, promised a contribution of 1,000 piculs, towards which he has already paid down \$200. The Prefect, Chong Tso Ke 張祖猷, has contributed \$1,000, and the district magistrate, Chau Shiu Lim 周紹廉, 700 taels. This fund is intended primarily for relief only inside the city of Tsam Chau, and is administered by means of the Po Kap Kuk 保甲局 or tithings (=10 families). Each head of a titling 保長 reports those who are destitute among the ten families under his supervision; the man so reported is given a ticket by the Po Kap Kuk 保甲局 for which he obtains rice at the rate of 30z. a day, i.e., he is given 150z. of rice, as the distribution is made once in five days in the Temple of Literature 文章宮. The fault in this system is that it can relieve only those who are householders who have a 門牌 in Tsam Chau; moreover, certain shopkeepers, who, owing to the suspension of trade, are absolutely starving, can obtain nothing, as the gentry will not believe in their indigence. The pawnshops have been closed in Tsam Chau all this year, and I can see no signs of any business being done even on the market days. (2) The Fu-ti-pin, who is himself a poor man, makes a daily distribution of rice at the *tsin* station, giving an ounce of rice to all starving people who come to the station, but the relief does not reach far, as the Fu-ti-pin cannot afford to issue large quantities of rice. (3) The Cantonese merchants resident in Tsam Chau have subscribed a sum of \$2,000 which has been sent down here to purchase rice. This rice is intended for distribution in the market towns, i.e., in the countryside, not in the city. But the rice has not yet arrived, and therefore relief has not as yet commenced.

This morning I visited the Governor of Kwangsi (王之春), who handed me the appended list of famine-stricken districts in this prefecture. His Excellency informed me that in his opinion the district which is suffering most of all is Nanning, and that the area of distress extends from Nanning the whole length of the West River to Nam Peng (南平). Whatever is to be done must be done without delay, otherwise the people for whom relief is intended will be dead. His Excellency promised every assistance to measures taken by the Hongkong community for famine relief.

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## P. R. C. SMOKER.

The new gymnasium at the Victoria Recreation Club, Kowloon, was packed on Saturday when a smoking concert was given to celebrate the opening of the building. Nearly 300 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. Mr. R. H. Mitchell presided in the absence of the president, and in opening the proceedings alluded to the fact that last year of the type blew their gymnasium away so that it became necessary to erect another. He impressed upon the members the necessity for making more use of the Club and said they had a good resident membership and able men amongst them, but they wanted those men to take all possible interest in the various sports and to assist new members to participate. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Frank White, had worked very hard during the past twelve months. He had tried in every available way to attract the members, and the approaching season was being looked forward to as a record one (cheers). Then commenced the usual part of the proceedings, the orchestra, under Mr. Richmond, opening with a well-played overture. Mr. G. H. Ruby followed with a humorous contribution, and Mr. J. H. Osborn treated the company to a meritorious vocal item: "Under the Deodar." A cello solo by Mr. G. Kozni and a smart piece of fiddling by Mr. T. C. Barlow were well received. Mr. H. S. Sprague and Mr. R. G. Heckford introduced the comic element and repetitions were inevitable. Others following included Messrs. Burnett, W. Anderson, A. S. Tuxford, W. T. Burgess, and M. Silas. At the close of the proceedings, the chairman announced that another concert would be held at an early date.

## HONGKONG BUILD CRAFT.

We clip the following from the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 30th ult:—  
The Lower Yangtze Pilot system has for long been so important, and the mishaps that have occurred have been so frequent, that it has long been evident that the old-fashioned pilot schooners were becoming out of date. Since the reorganisation of the service some few years ago, it has been the constant aim of the members of the service to improve their best facilities so as to make them better able to cope with their off-time and arduous and difficult work. This aim has resulted in the decision to build a steam pilot boat, with every accommodation for the pilots: while awaiting their turn. The order for building this boat was placed with Messrs. Carmichael & Co. of Hongkong, and there, under the watchful eyes of several of the pilots themselves, the principal of whom was Mr. D. Campbell, was built the *A.M. Bisher*, which goes into service on Saturday morning.

Taken all around this vessel is a credit alike to her owners, the Pilot Association of Shanghai, which by being served by such a fine craft is at once placed in the forefront of well served ports in the world—a position she is entitled to by the "tonnage" annually availing of the pilotage service.  
The *A.M. Bisher* was brought alongside the P. & O. jetty shortly before noon to-day, where she was thrown open to inspection. This opportunity was seized by very many people, including most of the leaders in the shipping and seafaring communities, and nothing but the highest praise was bestowed upon her. In fact, several ladies who went over the vessel expressed the fear that less than ever would the members of the Association be visible, as the comfort provided for them aboard would keep them from coming ashore.

At 3 p.m. by the invitation of the Association, a large number of pilots, their friends and supporters, assembled on board, and a short run down the river was made, for the purpose of trying her after the new overhaul which she had undergone after the trip to Hongkong. During this trip, toasts to Mr. Campbell, who was described as the father of the boat, the Association, the shipping of Shanghai, the ladies connected with the pilotage, and the guests were duly honoured. The boat proved very steady and the well-wishes of all on board were honestly meant.

It will be a great assistance to me if your Excellency will kindly telegraph to me at Nanning the amount of money at which the Hongkong relief fund is estimated, for any suggestions that I can make must be based upon the sum of money available for use. But as far as I can now see, it will be advisable to establish three distributing centres—at Nam Peng, Tsam Chau, and at Kwai Yun. I will report later on Nam Peng and Kwai Yun, and also on Nanning, though I do not consider that it is probable that Nanning can be relieved from Hongkong owing to the delays of transport by junk from Kwai Yun up the West River. As far as Kwai Yun, steam transport is available. The companies which run launches are Chinese-owned and their headquarters are, I believe, at Wuchow. I am writing to Mr. Fox to suggest that he should urge these companies to grant free transport for rice forwarded from Hongkong and would venture to suggest that your Excellency should approach the Viceroy at Canton on this matter. Rice should also be duty free. I mentioned both these matters to H.E. Wong Chi Chun, who said he would do what he could, but that the authority did not rest in him.

Distribution at Tsam Chau has been so excellently organised by Mr. Fee that I cannot but recommend that he should be placed in charge of this distributing centre. Mr. Jaffray is leaving to-morrow for Wuchow to arrange for missionary workers at any centres established, and also to endeavour to arrange the question of transport from Wuchow up river.

The Chinese officials should be requested to provide at each distributing centre:—(1) free quarters for the distributors; (2) a suitable place in which the distribution shall take place; (3) kitchen fittings for the cooking of rice gruel in large quantities; (4) free delivery of rice from the rice boats by coolies at the place of distribution or kitchen. They should also issue a proclamation in the distributing centres and country round about, notifying the distribution which is to be made by the Hongkong relief fund.

I leave to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock for Kwai Yun by launch, and will report further after I have seen what is the condition of affairs there. I would urge that no time should be lost in sending up rice to Wuchow, and that in any case the distribution at Tsam Chau should not be permitted to cease for lack of funds. I am, Your Excellency's obedient servant,  
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The Lower Yangtze Pilot system has for long been so important, and the mishaps that have occurred have been so frequent, that it has long been evident that the old-fashioned pilot schooners were becoming out of date. Since the reorganisation of the service some few years ago, it has been the constant aim of the members of the service to improve their best facilities so as to make them better able to cope with their off-time and arduous and difficult work. This aim has resulted in the decision to build a steam pilot boat, with every accommodation for the pilots: while awaiting their turn. The order for building this boat was placed with Messrs. Carmichael & Co. of Hongkong, and there, under the watchful eyes of several of the pilots themselves, the principal of whom was Mr. D. Campbell, was built the *A.M. Bisher*, which goes into service on Saturday morning.

Taken all around this vessel is a credit alike to her owners, the Pilot Association of Shanghai, which by being served by such a fine craft is at once placed in the forefront of well served ports in the world—a position she is entitled to by the "tonnage" annually availing of the pilotage service.  
The *A.M. Bisher* was brought alongside the P. & O. jetty shortly before noon to-day, where she was thrown open to inspection. This opportunity was seized by very many people, including most of the leaders in the shipping and seafaring communities, and nothing but the highest praise was bestowed upon her. In fact, several ladies who went over the vessel expressed the fear that less than ever would the members of the Association be visible, as the comfort provided for them aboard would keep them from coming ashore.

At 3 p.m. by the invitation of the Association, a large number of pilots, their friends and supporters, assembled on board, and a short run down the river was made, for the purpose of trying her after the new overhaul which she had undergone after the trip to Hongkong. During this trip, toasts to Mr. Campbell, who was described as the father of the boat, the Association, the shipping of Shanghai, the ladies connected with the pilotage, and the guests were duly honoured. The boat proved very steady and the well-wishes of all on board were honestly meant.

## THE PLAGUE.

During the forty-eight hours ended at noon to-day 45 further cases of bubonic plague, making 485 since January 1st, were reported.

## SHIPPING AND MAILS.

**MAILS DUE.**  
French (*Salasia*) to-morrow.  
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) to-morrow.  
German (*Stuttgart*) 21st inst.  
The N. P. S. S. *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama and inst.  
The Silk ex C. P. R. s.s. *Empress of China* arrived New York on 30th ult.  
The P. & A. S. s.s. *Indrapura* arrived at Yokohama and inst. and may be expected here 15th inst.  
The N. D. L. s.s. *Bayern* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai p.m. 3rd inst. and may be expected here 12th inst.  
The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kyushu Maru* (Bombay line) left Kobe via Moji for this port 3rd inst. and is expected to arrive here 11th inst.  
The P. & O. S. N. s.s. *Valencia* left Singapore for this port 3rd inst. to a.m., with the Overseas English Mails, and is due here 8th inst. at about noon.  
The C. P. R. s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived Shanghai 2 a.m. 3rd inst. and left



## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

## The King's Tour.

LONDON, 1st May.  
The King has left Rome.

## Debate on Somaliland.

In a debate on Somaliland, Mr. Brodick stated that there was no intention of administering or holding the country; the policy to be pursued was to keep the coast line and protect friendly tribes; the Government was not prepared to incur further heavy expenditure; General Manning had carried out the anticipations with which the expedition started but some reinforcements might be required to hold necessary posts. On a motion to reduce the war supplies, the vote was rejected.

## Serious Bomb Outrages at Salonika.

Desperate bomb outrages have occurred at Salonika; the Ottoman and Mitylene Banks have been blown up and the Messageries steamer *Gaudaloupe* blown in two as she was leaving Salonika; bombs were thrown into the Cafes in the principal streets.

## The King's Tour.

The King's reception in Paris was highly gratifying.

## Russia in Manchuria.

Lord Lansdowne stated in the House of Lords that the Russian Ambassador had informed him that the discussions proceeding in Peking concern Manchuria alone and relate to certain guarantees indispensable to securing Russian interests after the evacuation. It was far from the intention of Russia to exclude foreign Consuls or obstruct foreign trade the development of which was one of Russia's main objects.

## The King in Paris.

President Loubet received the King at the Elysee and after an interview of twenty minutes His Majesty returned to the British Embassy. On receiving an address from the British Chamber, the King said that he trusted the days of conflict between England and France were happily over and that the two countries might be regarded as the champions of peaceful progress and civilization. The King's reception everywhere, has been remarkably enthusiastic and His Majesty has expressed himself highly gratified with his reception, not only by the officials but by the general public.

(N. C. Daily News.)

## The Campaign in Somaliland.

The *St. James's Gazette* says that the War Office has arranged to send reinforcements to Somaliland from India.

The pursuit of the Mullah may be temporarily abandoned owing to the rains.

## The Evacuation of Manchuria.

RUSSIA RETREATS.

Official news received at Tokio represents that the Russian evacuation of the whole of Shengking is virtually effected.

## S.S. "VICTORIA" TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION.

It will be seen on reference to our advertisement columns that the steamer *Victoria*, now lying on Bamboo Island, Gulf of Pechili, is to be sold by auction at Chefoo, on Friday, the 15th inst. Latest reports to hand regarding the vessel show that, on examination, she was found to have sustained so much damage as not to be worth the cost of getting her off. Salvage operations were stopped, and it was intended to remove everything of value from her. A large quantity of the cargo (lumber) was put into lighters. On the 20th ult. she had 18 feet of water in her hold, and salvage operations were being conducted by the Taku Tug and Lighter Co.

## LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

We have received from Mr. E. Ralphs, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Centre of this college, the results of an examination recently held in the Colony. The examiners were Mr. A. G. Ward, organist of St. John's Cathedral, Mr. A. Galluzzi (formerly of the Royal Conservatoire of Music, Rome) and, in theory, Dr. Kati, Mus. Doc.

The following is a list of the successful candidates.

PIANO-FORTE PLAYING.

Advanced Senior—E. B. Best, Honours, A. M. Lee Lun, Honours.

Senior—G. Brotherton Harker, Honours, E. Querubin, 1st Class.

Intermediate—R. Watling, 1st Class, Edith Best, 2nd Class.

Elementary—J. Munoz, 1st Class, E. Camara, and Class, M. Romero, 2nd Class.

THEORY.

Junior Honours—G. Harker, Pass.

Junior Pass—E. Querubin, Honours, R. Watling, Pass.

The "Bellini Medal" is awarded to Miss G. Brotherton Harker, who obtained the highest total of marks in practical and theoretical music.

A prize is awarded to Miss G. Munoz, who obtained highest marks in the elementary section of piano-forte playing.

All the above were taught at the Italian Conservatory, with the exception of Miss Harker, who was a pupil of Mr. Ward.

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## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 1st, 1903.  
THE NEW VICEROY.

The people are rejoicing over the prospect of having a new Viceroy. No regret is expressed at the transfer of Viceroy Tak Sham to a Chinese. Tak is a Manchurian. This alone would be a cause of rejoicing on the part of many. But the people generally seem to know the reputation of all the highest public men, and for many of them they have nicknames. Sham is spoken of by the people as a progressive and a man who is not after money. These are the two virtues that the present Viceroy lacks. He is a conservative and is always after money. Already the Chinese are making preparations to welcome the new Viceroy. The wards in the city have decided to send unusually large delegations with lanterns to meet the Viceroy at the wharf and escort him to his yamen. The firecracker shops have decided to keep up a continuous roar of crackers from the time the Viceroy lands until he reaches the yamen.

Viceroy Tak is doing his best to line his pockets before leaving. Many of the officers under him are being changed and are being sold to the highest bidder.

## BUDDHIST PRIESTS.

About a dozen Buddhist priests are doing the city in the interest of some temple. They have a novel way of collecting. They have a large figure of Buddha in a sort of sedan chair. This they carry to the door of some rich man and remain until a satisfactory subscription has been obtained. This method of raising money seems to be a success.

## THE PLAQUE

The plague is increasing rather than decreasing. At the little North Gate whole families are dying. From the country reports are coming telling of terrible ravages in many villages. In Lung Kong in the Shun Tak district the people are dying by the score.

## EXTRAORDINARY REPORT FROM KOREA.

ANTI-JAPANESE CRUSADE.

An extraordinary report comes from Korea briefly to the effect that Hong Ri, the Korean who murdered Kim-o-Kim, in Shanghai, in 1894, thereby precipitating the China-Japan war, has been appointed by the Korean Emperor as Magistrate of the island of Tai-Shi-dai, near Fusan, and has, since his installation, in office carried out an anti-Japanese crusade, including an enforced boycott by all classes of Koreans, so vigorously that 14 have driven 1,000 Japanese on the island to leave.

## THE MISSING N.Y.K. CAPTAIN.

It seems that Captain C. A. Lee of the N. Y. K. S. *Kawachi Maru*—who assumed command of the vessel on the death of Captain J. S. Thompson—is still in the land of the living. We quoted a report from the *Japan Gazette*, that he had disappeared after the vessel left the Suez Canal, and that the Chief officer had taken command. Our contemporary now states that Captain Thompson, and not Captain Lee, should have been referred to.

## THE DEATH OF THE DOCTOR OF THE "LAOS."

Dr. Michaud, the medical officer on the steamer *Laos*, of the Messageries Maritimes, who met his death under such tragic circumstances during the steamer's last voyage home, may be said to have described his own death. It will be remembered that by mistake he gave himself an injection of atropine instead of morphia. Almost at once he discovered what he had done, and going on deck informed two army surgeons who were passengers that he was about to die. He lived an hour, and was conscious to the last. During the whole of this time he described his sensations to the surgeons, who took a full note. The surgeons consider his story to be of great value.

## RUSSIAN CRUISER REPORTED MISSING.

According to a Kagoshima despatch to the *Mainichi* some anxiety is felt regarding the Russian cruiser *Askani*, which left Nagasaki for Kagoshima on the 23rd ult. with Mr. Iswolsky, the ex-Russian Minister on board. The cruiser had not arrived at Kagoshima on the morning of the 26th ult.

## COMMERCIAL.

## PUNJONS.

RESULT OF APRIL CRUSHING.

We are informed by Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes, the secretary of the Punjom Mining Co., Ltd., that the result of the crushing for April, is as follows:—

115 tons of Swah are advised previously, yielding 64 ozs. of smelted gold; equivalent of 11.11 dwt. per ton. 1,800 tons of Kalampung are yielding 98 ozs. of smelted gold, equivalent of 1.08 dwt. per ton. Total 1,915 tons for a yield of 162 ozs. of smelted gold. Valued at \$6,500.

A letter has been received from the Mining Manager dated the 16th April, in which he states:—"I have again visited Goa, principally with a view to selecting a site for a mill should you decide to place one there. There is already from 200 to 300 tons of quartz at Gabau which could be treated, and also a quantity of surface stuff. In prospecting this stuff we obtained from a few dishes 2 dwts. of loose gold and very fair prospects all round. Within 300 yards of the proposed mill site, there is a large amount of stuff which would pay for treating and it could be put through in the intervals of the trial crushings from the reefs we are anxious to prospect."

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## HONGKONG CATTLE EXPORTATION.

Local cattle traders seem to have various whims as to which of the several Hongkong-Manila "ferry" freighters they prefer; that is, of course, when it is not a case of immediate despatch. The *Toyo Kisen Kaisha* s.s. *Rosetta Maru* charges higher tariff than some of the other boats, but the sea passage, so detrimental to bovine stock, is of short duration. Of late she has been largely patronised by Chinese merchants for whom, on her last trip, she conveyed nearly 150 head. Other merchants, on the other hand, are favouring the China and Manila Co., Ltd., and the s.s. *Zafra* on Saturday left with 300 head, twenty-two of which were calves for the extraction of vaccine. The s.s. *Rubi*, owned by the same firm, is also doing well. We hear from one of the biggest dealers in the stock that during Lent, most Filipinos being Roman Catholics, the demand was slack. Now, however, things have brightened up considerably and there is keen competition amongst purchasing middlemen. Although some of the up-country famine-stricken districts, formerly regular sources of supply, are, so to speak, inactive, other districts have flourishing pastures and are reaping the benefits of their neighbours' inability to compete. Owing to recent cases of cattle disease aboard some of the cattle-boats, steamers of this description have to undergo fumigation at Mariveles previous to their proceeding to Manila.

## SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

The following extracts of the week's share transactions are from Messrs. J. A. Sullivan & Co.'s report published on the 29th ult.

The monthly settlement takes place to-day and is expected to go through without mishap. Many changes have occurred in quotations since our last issue, the unexpected rise in silver is mainly responsible for the slightly adverse fluctuations chronicled below as all sorts of shares are sold to secure the favourable exchange. Night rate on London is quoted to-day 2 1/4 15/16. Consols 92 1/2. From Hongkong the 3 days' sight is wired is 72.

Insurance.—Fires.—Hongkongs are quiet at \$307 1/2. China Fires have been sent south at \$83. Marines.—North-Chinas have been placed at Tls. 205 cum the dividend of £1 (at ex. 2 1/2)—Tls. 906 declared payable on 1st May. Higher rates are being offered for shares. Unions have been sold at \$537 1/2. Yangtze Insurance are asked for.

Wharves.—Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf shares have found buyers at Tls. 205. Shipping.—Indo-Chinas have received a great deal of attention and several lots have been cleared at Tls. 79 for cash settlement. For June Tls. 80, 80 1/2 has been paid freely. For July Tls. 81 is published. August shares have been taken at Tls. 82.

Docks.—Business has been done in Farnham, Boys at Tls. 104, 102, Tls. 187 1/2, 186 1/2, 185, 187 1/2 for cash and account. May sales have taken place at Tls. 192. For June transactions at Tls. 195, 197 1/2, 195 are published. July sales have been announced at Tls. 200. Hongkongs are quoted \$115.

Cottons.—Nothing has been done this week. Sugars.—Peraks continue dull. China Sugars have been sold to Hongkong at \$109 and ex. 7 1/2.

Mining.—Raubs have been eagerly inquired for and sales have been made in Hongkong as high as \$10. They are wanted to-day at higher prices. The rise is in consequence of an excellent return in March of three weeks' work resulting in 640 oz being extracted from 2,250 tons of stone. Chinese Engineering and Mining shares have changed ownership at Tls. 7 1/2 and Tls. 7 1/2 for bearer scrip. Wei-Hai-Wei Gold Mining shares have been booked at \$11.

Tobacco.—Sumatras have changed hands at Tls. 61, Tls. 61 1/2, Tls. 61 3/4, Tls. 61 3/4. Business has been done in Mantschappij in Langkats at Tls. 347 1/2, 345, Tls. 342 1/2, 340, Tls. 335, 330 for cash and at similar prices for the settlement. For May Tls. 347 1/2 is quoted. June sales have been booked at Tls. 355, 352 1/2, Tls. 350, 345. For July Tls. 362 1/2, 366, 365 have been noted. August at Tls. 365, 360. The drop is caused by the rise in exchange and the corresponding fall in oil prices, and this coupled with the difficulty of financing has unduly lowered the market.

## FREIGHT MARKET.

Writing under date, Shanghai, 30th ult., Messrs. Wheelock & Co. state:—

Since last writing the quantity of cargo offering on our homeward freight market has fallen off slightly and we do not expect to see any great improvement until well into next month after the opening of the tea-season which takes place early in May.

Coastwise.—Freights have continued steady since last writing but at the close are somewhat quieter; some demand still exists for prompt tonnage from Wuhu to Canton at the equivalent of 20 candelas and prompt tonnage is also wanted from Moji to this at \$1 60 per ton of coal.

## COAL AND KEROSENE OIL.

Coal.—Japan.—There has been no change since last we wrote, there are a few buyers but the prices offered have not been considered sufficiently high to lead to business. Rates of freight have slightly declined but offers for tonnage have been good.

Cardiff.—There have been numerous inquiries but, as usual, there is no stock to draw from and will not be until about the middle of June. The market has advanced considerably. Sydney Wollongong.—Nothing has been done from first hands for some time. The s.s. *Australian*, arrived on the 14th instant with about 1,860 tons and the s.s. *Collingwood* on the 22nd inst. with about 1,100 tons which was sold sometime before arrived on private terms.

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Kerosene Oil.—The market during the past fortnight has been anything but brisk. Devoes has changed hands at Tls. 2 20 1/2 per case while Importers are asking Tls. 2 25 1/2 per case, but owing to the rise in exchange little or no business has been done at this figure.

Anchor chop has been sold at Tls. 2 20 net, Rain chop at Tls. 2 15 net and business has been done at Tls. 2 20 less 2% for the latter.

Transit consignments have taken place at Tls. 1 97 1/2 per two tons and small quantities from first hands at Tls. 2 0 less 2%.

Dragon is gaining favour every day and operators were buying steadily at Tls. 1 97 1/2 per case to arrive, Tls. 2 00 is now being asked. The s.s. *Brilliant* arrived on the 25th instant with 150, 000 cases Devoes.

Including the arrival we estimate our Stocks at

Devoes ..... 1,285,000 cases.

Batum ..... 190,150 "

Sumatra ..... 57,600 "

Langkat ..... 57,600 "

## THE N. D. L. AND CHINA.

Quite recently the Norddeutscher Lloyd placed a levy on the passenger accommodation for too extensive for the trade requirements, on the Europe-China run. After having continued this expensive advertisement for some considerable time they are proceeding to gradually draft these, so to speak, wasteful craft on to their other lines, replacing them by smaller vessels more economical to the company and just as suitable. Five new sister steamers, viz. *Zieten*, *Seydlitz*, *Gneisenau*, *Roon*, and *Scharnhorst*, have been built at Sietin and Hamburg, and three of these are for the Europe-China line. They are the very thing for Far Eastern requirements; large, but not too much so (8,000 tons), fast (16 knots), and having the right quantity of cargo accommodation (about 70 berths for each of the three classes). The *Zieten* arrived here on her first outward voyage this morning having left Southampton on 29th March. She is a fine steamer with twin screws, single funnel, and high amidship hurricane deck.

## EXPORTS.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire have forwarded us a memo of the cargo exported on 28th ult. in the s.s. *Ducation*. It is as follows: For London—206 rolls matting, 5 cases cigars, 12 cases bristles, 45 packages gum, 50 casks ginger, and 53 packages merchandise, London optional Glasgow—150 casks ginger, Glasgow—287 cases ginger, Amsterdam—30 cases ginger, and Marseilles optional Havre—27 cases essential oil.

## PURCHASES OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

The Indo-China S. S. Co.'s steamer *Kulsang* (2,800 tons), which has just been sold to Mr. Harad, of Osaka, is in dock at the Kawasaki Yard at present. The vessel will be named the *Kisato Maru* and will be placed on the North China run from the 5th inst. The Norwegian steamer *Skransid* (1,400 tons) was brought by Mr. Hiroshi of Osaka a few days ago. The price paid is reported to be yen 130,000. The vessel will be named the *Chidori Maru*. She is intended for the North China service also.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.	
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	18 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand	8 9/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight	1 1/2
" D'ments 4 months' sight	1 1/2
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 175 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	215 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight	210 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	41 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight	42 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	128 1/2
On demand	128 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71 1/2
Private to days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	83 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.55
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	nom.
Silver	24 1/2

OPTUM QUOTATIONS.	
TO-day's quotations are as follows:—	
MALWA NEW	Nominal
" LAST YEAR	@ \$ 970/980
" OLDEST	@ 1,040/1,075
PATNA NEW	@ 1,017 1/2
BENARES NEW	@ 1,007 1/2
PERSIAN (PAPER)	Nominal

## To-day's Advertisements.

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Hongkong, 4th May, 1903. [5520]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
"BOMBAY,"  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,  
SUZEE AND STRAITS.  
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.  
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 3 P.M., TO-DAY.  
Goods not cleared by the 10th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.  
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.  
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.  
K. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1903. [6]

## To-day's Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

AN AUCTION will be held at CHEFOO, on FRIDAY, the 15th day of May, at NOON, of the S.S. "VICTORIA," as she lies on BAMBOO ISLAND, GULF OF PECHILI. For particulars, apply to CURTIS BROS., Chefoo, [5500]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN," Captain Mutton, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 7th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 4th May, 1903. [5470]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA. THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG," Captain Meyrick, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 4th May, 1903. [5480]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ZIETEN," of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 11th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 14th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1903. [6530]

MACAO, 18th April, 1903. [5010]

FEDRO NOLASCO DA SILVA, President of Leal Senado da Camara.

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## Post Office.

A Mail will close for:-  
 Canton-Per Hankow, to-morrow, 7.30 A.M.  
 Hoihow, Singapore, Bangkok-Per Rajaburi, to-morrow, 8 A.M.  
 Hoihow, Bangkok-Per Hongkong, to-morrow, 8 A.M.  
 Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui-Per Formosa, to-morrow, 8 A.M.  
 Quong-chow-wan-Per Eclat, to-morrow, 8 A.M.  
 Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin-Per Yarra, to-morrow, 9 A.M.  
 Canton-Per Pootun, to-morrow, 9 A.M.  
 Singapore, Sourabaya, Samarang-Per Hopsing, to-morrow, 10 A.M.  
 Manila-Per Rosella Maru, 5th inst., 10 A.M.  
 Moli, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma-Per Hyades, to-morrow, 10 A.M.  
 Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki-Per Suevia, to-morrow, 10 A.M.  
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco-Per America Maru, to-morrow, 11 A.M.  
 Macao-Per Heungshan, to-morrow, 11.15 P.M.  
 Shanghai, Moli, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Seattle-Per Rotor Maru, to-morrow, 3 P.M.  
 Nantao-Per Tulle, to-morrow, 5 P.M.  
 Moli-Per Taurigan Maru, to-morrow, 5 P.M.  
 Moli, Hakodate, Port Los Angeles, San Francisco-Per Stanley Dollar, to-morrow, 5 P.M.  
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Vancouver, B.C.-Per Tairar, 6th inst., 11 A.M.  
 Timor, Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne-Per Australia, 6th inst., 11 A.M.  
 Swatow, Amoy, Foochow-Per Hainan, 7th inst., 9 A.M.  
 Singapore, Penang, Calcutta-Per Arratoon, 7th inst., 11 A.M.  
 Moli-Per Verona, 7th inst., 2 P.M.  
 Manila-Per Rudi, 9th inst., 9 A.M.  
 Kobe-Per Trian, 9th inst., 11 A.M.  
 Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin-Per Coromandel, 9th inst., 11 A.M.  
 Singapore, Penang, Colombo-Per Shanghai, 13th inst., 10 A.M.  
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver-Per Empress of Japan, 13th inst., 11 A.M.  
 Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin-Per Bayern, 13th inst., 11 A.M.  
 Manila-Per Zafra, 16th inst., 9 A.M.

## VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

HONGKONG.  
 Anton, A. S. Howard, Thos.  
 Ballantine, W. D. Hughes, Mrs. and Miss  
 Bailey, W. S. Ickly, Rev. F.  
 Bander, C. L. Jaff, D.  
 Barrett, H. Jameson, Mrs.  
 Barrett, E. G. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Begley, H. T. Katsch, E. A.  
 Bemis, Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan, F. P.  
 W. E. Langley, A. L.  
 Bissell, E. V. Lipman, W. F.  
 Black, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Miss  
 Boggan, Mr. and Mrs. Marriott, Dr. A.  
 Bonner, A. E. Martin, M.  
 Bonnet, F. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E.  
 Borthwick, Mrs. Mast, S. E.  
 R. W. McAlan, T. P.  
 Bottenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Millard, W. G.  
 Mrs. Moncreiff, Sir & Lady  
 Boutin, L. C.  
 Brown, W. S. Moncreiff, Miss S.  
 Clark, Miss E. L. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Colson, J. S. E. O.  
 Connemann, J. W. Nichols, L. M.  
 Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. and nurse  
 Courage, D. K. Oulof, Dr. and Mrs. L.  
 Daly, Mrs. F. W. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. W.  
 Delaney, Mr. & Mrs. Parfitt, W.  
 Denbyshire, J. H. Pelli, L.  
 Dencken, R. B. Port, Miss  
 Douglas, Capt. & Mrs. Ramsay, Miss  
 Pigeon, Capt. & Mrs. Rankin, J.  
 Downing, T. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Duncan, A. John  
 Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe, Capt.  
 S. T. Rosking, A.  
 Edwards, F. W. Schurche, Mr.  
 Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Seeborn, Miss H.  
 Favre, J. Shansky, M.  
 Federoff, V. Silva, H. E., J. C. da  
 Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. (Cor. of Timor)  
 Fisher, H. G. Scott, C.  
 Gause, F. T. Somerville, G.  
 Fissell, C. Spurgin, E. A.  
 George, C. Stanley, Mrs. J.  
 Glover, C. Thomas, J. A.  
 Goddard, Mrs. Thompson, T.  
 Goddard, J. Thompson, Dr. I. C.  
 Gonservel, M. Watkins, C. A.  
 Goyoso, J. L. Watkins, C. A.  
 Grant, Powell. Welton, Misses (2)  
 Hampshire, Mrs. Whitton, Mrs. A. M.  
 Hare, Miss. Wintner, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Hart Buck, Mr. H.  
 Hill, L. D. Woolmer, Mr. & Mrs.  
 Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Zobel, Mr. and Miss

KING EDWARD.  
 Arnold, Dr. W. F. Lewis, Rev. Dr.  
 Azevedo, P. de Martin, C.  
 Barata, Mr. Nicholson, R. N. Comdr.  
 Downes, R. I. M. Comdr. R.  
 Ehrhardt, Capt. Runkler, P.  
 Gibson, R. F. Capt. Santos, V. dos  
 Hildburgh, H. Shellim, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Hildburgh, H. L. Edward  
 Howard, E. Sirdhans, P.  
 Hur, Mrs. E. Stephens, M. J. D.  
 Jewell, A. C. Jewell, A. C.  
 Lacon, P. H. Vaughan, H. S.  
 Lane, Mrs. Walker, F. B.  
 Lane, Dr. S. Weedon, Capt.

CONNAUGHT.  
 Bernago, E. Humphreys, W.  
 Campbell, Lieut. J. R. Langlands, Capt. P.  
 Colbert, P. D. Marston, Mrs.  
 Dufour, Mrs. Nichols, L. M.  
 Figueroa, M. T. Rogers, H. M.  
 Fussell, C. Stodart, F.  
 Graham, E. R. Thomas, C. B.  
 Harwood, H. Thompson, Capt. T.  
 Harlin, Miss M. Tyrwhitt, T.  
 Houghton, R.

OCCIDENTAL.  
 Bamsey, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard, Capt.  
 and family. Key, Dr.  
 Pasch, R. Vazato, T.  
 Hurst, F. Vanderpool, Mrs.

KOWLOON.  
 Courage, G. M. Jewell, Mrs. F. F.  
 Corring, Mr. and Mrs. Landholm, Capt.  
 D. W. "Nobbs," A. P.  
 Criss, F. S. R. W.  
 Jewell, Frank F.

Alison, A. Hubbe, F.  
 Barnett, Dr. Jeffries, H. U.  
 Benoit, Andrew King R. H.  
 Benson, A. P. D. Macleod, W.  
 and Mrs. H. G. McDermott, A. P. B.  
 Berner, Gilbert Mitchell, Robert  
 Brabson, Ralph A. H. L.  
 Brest, H. A. W. Philpot, Leonard D.  
 Brown, R. E. Col. L. F. Pollock, K. C. H. E.  
 Brusse, George Reid, T. H.  
 Carre, Arthur R. Rumsey, R. N. Hon. R.  
 Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. Murray  
 A. Sawyer, Mrs. W. E.  
 Domineh, W. Sharp, Ed.  
 French, A. S. C. Major Thomson, O. D.  
 G. A. Scott, Charles R.  
 Foote, Cap. and Mrs. Sinclair, A.  
 Fuchs, A. Smith, Carl W.  
 Gibson, Dr. Robert Spalckhaver, W. O. C.  
 Grant, C. Lindsay Tattam, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Hagg, G. A. W. T. H. Nob.  
 Hamilton, Maj. A. B. Thomson, O. D.  
 Hardy, Mrs. Watson, R. K.  
 Henshaw, P. H. Wenborn, S. T.

## HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, 30th April, 1903.  
 At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

## BUTCHER MEAT

Beef sirloin & prime cut-Mei Lung Pa 17  
 "Comed-Ngau Yuk 16  
 "Roast-Shiu 16  
 "Soup-Tong Yuk 12  
 "Steak-Ngau Yuk 12  
 "Sausages-Ngau Yuk 26  
 "Bullock's Brains-Know, per set 7  
 "Tongue fresh-Ngau Li, each 45  
 "Head and Feet-Ngau Li, each 55  
 "Heart-Ngau Li, each 8  
 "Hump, Salt-Ngau Kin, each 13  
 "Feet-Ngau Kerk, each 8  
 "Kidneys-Ngau Yiu, each 10  
 "Tail-Ngau Mei, each 16  
 "Liver-Ngau Con, each 9  
 "Tripe (undressed)-Ngau To, each 5  
 "Calves' Head and Feet-Ngau-chai, set 75  
 "Mutton Chop-Yeung Pui Kwat, lb 22  
 "Leg-Yeung Pui, lb 22  
 "Shoulder-Yeung Shau, lb 20  
 "Pigs' Chittlings-Chu cheong, lb 7  
 "Feet-Chi Keok, lb 12  
 "Fry-Chi Chak, lb 12  
 "Head-Chi Tau, lb 14  
 "Heart-Chi Sum, each 9  
 "Kidneys-Chi Yiu, pair 6  
 "Liver-Chi Kon, lb 21  
 "Pork Chop-Chi Pui Kwat, lb 18  
 "Comed-Ham Chu Yuk, lb 18  
 "Leg-Chu Pui, lb 18  
 "Fat or Lard-Chu Yau, lb 15  
 "Sheeps' Keok, set 50  
 "Heart-Yeung Sum, each 9  
 "Kidneys-Yeung Yiu, each 9  
 "Liver-Yeung Con, lb 20  
 "Sucking Pigs, To Order-Chu Chai, pair 20  
 "Suet, Beef-Sang Ngau Yau, lb 18  
 "Mutton-Sang Yeung Yau, lb 20  
 "Veal-Ngau Chai Yuk, lb 16  
 "Sausages-Ngau Chai Yuk Tong, lb 15

## POULTRY.

Chicken-Kai Chai, lb 30  
 Capons, Large, Small-Sin Kai, lb 27  
 Ducks-AP, lb 25  
 Doves-Han Kau, each 20  
 Eggs-Hen-Kai Tan, per doz 20  
 Fowls, Canton-Kai, lb 25  
 Hainan-Hoi Nam Kai, lb 25  
 Geese-Ngo, lb 24  
 Geese, Wild Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Ye, pair 24  
 Goose, Wild Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Ye, pair 24  
 Musk Deer-Wong Keng, each 15  
 Hare-Tu Chai, lb 15  
 Partridge-Chu Khoo, pair 15  
 Pheasant-Shan Kai, pair 30  
 Pigeons, Canton-Pak Kup, each 30  
 Pigeons, Hoihow-Hoihow Pak Kup, each 28  
 Quail-Um Chun, lb 15  
 Rice Birds-Wo Fa Cheuk, dozen 24  
 Snipe-Sa Chui, each 24  
 Turkeys, Cock-Fo Kai Kung, lb 82  
 Hen-Na, lb 65  
 Wild Ducks, Shanghai-Sai ap, pair 45  
 Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai, each 55  
 Wild Ducks Canton-Sang Shing Siu, pair 55  
 Apea, per pair \$1.00

## FISH.

Barbel-Ka Yu, lb 14  
 Bream-Bin Yu, lb 12  
 Canton Fresh Water Fish-Hoi Sin Yu, lb 13  
 Carp-Li Yu, lb 15  
 Catfish-Chik Yu, lb 15  
 Codfish-Mun Yu, lb 14  
 Crabs-Hai, lb 16  
 Cuttle Fish-Muk Yu, lb 12  
 Dab-Sa Mang Yu, lb 12  
 Dace-Wong Mei Lun, lb 10  
 Dog Fish-Tit Tu Sa, lb 8  
 Eels, Congor-Hai Man Yu, lb 11  
 Fresh water-Tam Sui Yu, lb 16  
 Yellow-Wong Sin, lb 24  
 Frogs-Tien Kai, lb 28  
 Garoupa-Sek Pan, lb 60  
 Gudgeon-Pak Kup Yu, lb 12  
 Herrings-Tso Pak, lb 14  
 Halibut-Cheung Kwan Yu, lb 14  
 Labrus-Wong Fa Yu, lb 13  
 Lanch-Wu Yu, lb 20  
 Lobsters-Lung Hoi, lb 20  
 Mackerel-Chi Yu, lb 18  
 Monk Fish-Mon Yu, lb 24  
 Mullet-Chai Yu, lb 18  
 Oysters-Sang Hood, lb 16  
 Parrotfish-Kai Kung Yu, lb 11  
 Perch-Tau Loo, lb 11  
 Pike-Fa Paw Poong, lb 9  
 Plaice-Pan Yu, lb 18  
 Pomfret, Black-Hak Chong, lb 22  
 Prawns-Ming Ha, lb 32  
 Ray-Pei Pa Sa, lb 9  
 Rock Fish-Sek Kau Kung, lb 15  
 Tokyo, lb 20  
 Salmon, (Chon), fresh water-Ma Yau Yu, lb 24  
 Shark-Sa Yu, lb 8  
 Skate-Po Yu, lb 24  
 Shrimps-Ha, lb 22  
 Snapper-Lap Yu, lb 22  
 Soles-Tat Sa Yu, lb 22  
 Tench-Wan Yu, lb 14  
 Turbot-Cho How Yu, lb 14  
 Turtles, small, fresh water-Keok Yu, lb 70  
 White Bait-Ngan Yu Chai, lb 11

## FRUITS.

Almond-Hung Yan, lb 20  
 Apples, (California)-Ram San Ping, lb 30  
 (Chelo)-Tin Chun Ping, lb 30  
 Small-Hoi Tong, lb 20  
 Custard-Fan Lai Chi, each 5  
 Bananas, fragrant, Canton-Sang Sheng, lb 5  
 Heng Chiu, lb 5  
 (brides), Macao-San Heung Chiu, lb 5  
 Chestnuts, Chinese-Fong Lut, lb 6  
 Caranbols-Yeung Tou, lb 9  
 Cocosnuts-Yeh Yu, each 9  
 Grapes-Sin Tai, lb 9  
 Lemons, China-Ming Moong, lb 15

Lichees, Dried-Lai Chi Con, lb 15  
 Fresh, Small stone-Chut Wat, lb 15  
 Lai Chi, lb 15  
 Large-Tai Wat, lb 15  
 Limes, (Saigon)-Sai Kung Ning, lb 5  
 Mango, Manila-Lai Sang Moong, each 5  
 Mango, Saigon-Sai Kung Moong, doz 6  
 Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz, doz 15  
 Oranges, (Canton)-Sang Sheng Tim, lb 15  
 Chang, lb 8  
 Small-Tai Kut, lb 20  
 Mandarin-Tim Kut, lb 6  
 Olives-Pak Lam, lb 6  
 Pears, (American)-Kam San Shut Li, lb 12  
 (Canton), Cooking-Sa Li, lb 12  
 (Shanghai)-Sheung Hoi Li, lb 12  
 Pine-apples, 1st quality-Sheung Poon, lb 8  
 Ti Pau, lb 8  
 Paw-law, lb 10  
 Peanuts-Fa Sang, lb 10  
 Persimmons Large-Hung Chie, lb 20  
 Pumelo, Siam-Chim Lo Yau, lb 20  
 Platans-Tai Chen, lb 8  
 Walnuts, Hop Tou, lb 8

VEGETABLES, &c.  
 Artichokes, Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Ah, lb 6  
 Chi Chai, lb 6  
 Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin, lb 6  
 Beans, (French), Shanghai-Sheung Hoi, lb 6  
 Beans, Sprout-Ah Chai, lb 2  
 Beans Long-Tau Kok, lb 2  
 Root Root-Lung Chai Yuen Ker, lb 2  
 Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yuen Ker, lb 3  
 Brinjals, Red-Hung Ker, lb 3  
 Brassica-Pak Choi, lb 3  
 Bamboo Shoots-Chook Shun, lb 12  
 Cabbage, Chinese, com-Kai Choy, lb 3  
 Cabbage Root-Kai Lan Tau, each 3  
 Cabbage, (Shanghai)-Yeh Chai, lb 9  
 Cane Shoots, bunch-Kau Shun, lb 1  
 Cauliflower, Large size-Tai Yeh Chai, lb 16  
 Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeh, lb 16  
 Cauliflower, Small size-Sai Yeh Chai, lb 10  
 Carrots-Kam Shun, lb 6  
 Celery, Chinese-Tong Kai Choy, lb 10  
 Celery, English-Yeung Kan Chai, lb 10  
 Celery, White-Pak Yeung Kan Chai, lb 10  
 Chillies Dried-Con Lat Chiu, lb 20  
 Red-Hung Fa, lb 35  
 Green-Cheng Lat Chiu, lb 35  
 Curry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Liu, lb 6  
 Cucumbers-Cheng Kwa, lb 3  
 Riter Squash-Fu Kwa, lb 12  
 Garlic-Suen Tau, lb 6  
 Ginger, young-Sun Tsz Keung, lb 5  
 old-Lo Keung, lb 5  
 Horse Radish, Shanghai-Lik Kan, lb 20  
 Indian Corn-Suk Mai, piece 1  
 Lettuce-Yeung Sang Choi, each 1  
 Water Chestnuts-Ma Tai, lb 6  
 Mandarin-Kwei Lun Ma Tai, lb 6  
 Mushrooms Fresh-Sang Cho Kho, lb 9  
 Onions, Bombay-Yeung Chung Tau, lb 4  
 Green-Sang Chung, lb 4  
 Shai-Sheung Hoi Chung Tau, lb 4  
 Japan-Yat Poon, lb 1  
 Okroes-Mo Ker, lb 1  
 Parsley, English-Yeung Un Sai, lb 1  
 Green Peas-Cheng Tau, lb 9  
 Potatoes, Sweet-Fan Shu, lb 3  
 Shanghai-Sheung Hoi Shu, lb 3  
 Tsai, lb 1  
 Japan-Yat Poon Shu Tsai, lb 1  
 American-Fa Ki, lb 2  
 Foochow-Fu Chai Shu Tsai, lb 2  
 Macao-Oh Moon, lb 3  
 Pumpkin-Toong Kwa, lb 3  
 Radish-Hung Lo Pak Tsz, lb 2  
 Shalots-Con Chung Tau, lb 4  
 Spinage (Chinese)-Paw Choi, lb 4  
 Spinach-Yin Choi, lb 4  
 Tomatoes-Fan Ker, lb 5  
 Taros-Wu Tau, lb 2  
 Turnips, Pun-ti (Long)-Low Pak, lb 4  
 English-Yeung Low Pak, piece 8  
 Vegetable Marrow-Chit Kwa, lb 8  
 Waters Cresses-Sai Yeung Choi, lb 4  
 Yams-Tai Shu, lb 4

ROBERT G. MC EWEEN,  
 Inspector in charge of Markets.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:-  
 On the 4th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen over N.E. Japan, fallen quickly over W. Japan. The depression passed from the E. coast of China to the Yellow Sea during the night, and is now approaching the W. coast of Japan.  
 Pressure is high over E. Japan, and is increasing again over China.  
 The wind will freshen from N.E. in the Formosa Channel during the next 24 hours.  
 Variable winds over the N. part of the China Sea.  
 Forecast:-N. or variable winds, light to moderate; unsettled, thunder showers.

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at  
 10 a.m. 4 p.m.  
 Barometer 29.95 29.83  
 Temperature 71 74  
 Humidity 95 92  
 Rainfall -

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

May 2nd, 1903, a.m.  
 Bar. Th. Hu. Wind Wr.  
 Wladivostok 7 a.m. - - - -  
 Yemuro 5 a.m. - - - -  
 Hakodate - - - -  
 Tokyo - - - -  
 Kobe - - - -  
 Nagasaki - - - -  
 Kagoshima - - - -  
 Oshima - - - -  
 Naha - - - -  
 Ishigakijima - - - -  
 Taihoku 5 a.m. 30.08 E 6  
 Taichu " 29.99 N 2  
 Tainan " 29.98 N 4  
 Koshun " 29.99 NE 3  
 Pescaiores " 30.02 NE 6  
 Weihaei " 9 a.m. - - - -  
 Gushaff " 30.28 60 49 E 3 bv  
 Spang Peak " 6.30 a.m. 30.12 63 78 NNE 2 c  
 Amoy " 9 a.m. - - - -  
 Swatow " 30.01 63 78 NNE 2 c  
 Canton " 30.01 63 78 NNE 2 c  
 Hongkong " 30.03 68 86 E 5 od  
 Victoria Peak " 30.01 68 86 E 5 od  
 Gap Rock " 30.01 71 E 2 op  
 Macao " 30.01 71 E 2 op  
 Haiphong " 30.00 88 60 SE 1 o  
 Manila " 30.00 88 60 SE 1 o  
 Malate " 30.00 88 60 SE 1 o  
 Bacolod " 30.00 88 60 SE 1 o  
 Iloilo " 30.00 88 60 SE 1 o  
 Cebu " 29.97 85 N 2 b  
 C. St. James " 30.00 88 60 SE 1 o

## WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

## METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point

for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not imply that bad weather is expected here:-

A DRUM indicates a typhoon to the Eastward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East quadrant, N.E. to S.E.)

A BALL indicates a typhoon to the Westward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West quadrant, S.W. to N.W.)

A CONE Point Upwards indicates a typhoon to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.)

A CONE Point Downwards indicates a typhoon to the Southward of the Colony, (i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.)

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

NIGHT SIGNALS.  
 Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.  
 The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.  
 Notice boards are placed at:-  
 Joint Cable Companies' Office.  
 Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street.  
 Blake Pier.  
 Post Office.  
 Harbour Office.  
 Office of the Wharf & Godown Company.

Kowloon.  
 WEATHER-FORECASTS and STORM-WARNINGS are exhibited on the above boards daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours, day or night, whenever necessary. Information of importance is also issued by "Express."

THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER is exhibited at the same places daily about noon. It contains observations made at Hongkong and at a number of stations in the Far East, together with Remarks, Weather forecasts, and information regarding the existence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

THE LAW OF STORMS.  
 Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals are hoisted, and sailing directions are given in "The Law of Storms in the Eastern Seas."

F. G. Figg,  
 Acting Director.  
 Hongkong Observatory, 24th July, 1903.

## THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS	PAID UP VALUE	LAST DIVIDEND	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS		
BANKS.					
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- @ 1/7 = \$25.26 for half-year ending 31/12/1901.	\$675 s.		
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	3/11 on A. shares for 1902	\$25 b.		
Do. Founders	£ 1	\$1.961 on B. shares for 1902	\$10		
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union In. Society of C'ton, Ltd.	\$ 100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$335 s.		
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 1/2 % for year ended 30/4/1902.	\$60 b.		
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Final of 4 % making in all 8 % for 1901	Tls. 200		
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 % = \$12 for 1901	\$128 b.		
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	28 % = \$14 per share for 1901	\$167 1/2 b.		
FIRE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	32 1/2 % per share for 1901	\$307 1/2 b.		
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$83 b.		
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/4 for half-year ending 31/12/1902	\$38 s.		
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	£ 10	Fin. of 12/- making £ 1 per share for 1901	\$108		
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	10 % for 1900	\$26 b.		
Douglas S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 per share for year ended 30/6/1902	\$41 s.		
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30/6/1902	\$27 b.		
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 1	30 cts. 30/4/02	\$151 b.		
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	2nd Interim of 9d. making 2/- for 1901	£ 16/- b.		
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Final of 7 % making 20 % for 1902	Tls. 340 s.		
Shanghai Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 5 % making 7 % for the year	Tls. 49 s.		
Co-operative Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 13 % for 1902	Tls. 162 1/2 sa.		
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901	\$110 s.		
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10		
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Fin. of 7 % making 12 % for the year	Tls. 70		
MINING.					
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 101	None	\$3 s.		
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	None	35 cts. b.		
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Int. of Frs. 30 per share for 1901	\$600		
Jebeu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	5 % for 1/2 year end. 31/7/94 (Coupon 9)	\$1 1/2 b.		
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share	\$11 b.		
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 1	7 1/2 % = 1/6 per share (Coupon No. 1)	Tls. 71 s.		
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.					
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of 10 % & bonus of 2 % for half-year ending 31/12/02	\$215 b.		
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 7	Tls. 192 1/2 sa.		
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Final of \$2 1/2 making \$4 1/2 for 1901	\$93 b.		
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 64	\$2 1/2 for 1901	\$40		
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of Tls. 12 making Tls. 18 for 1902	Tls. 300 s.		
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.					
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 % = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$94 b.		
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1902	\$169 b.		
K'oon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1901	\$40 s.		
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	Final of \$1.60 making \$3.10 for 1902	\$53 s.		
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for 2nd 1/2 year making \$12 for 1902	\$130 s.		
Oriente Hotel Co., Ltd. (Manila)	\$ 50	8 % = \$4 for 1/2 year ending 31.12.01	\$29 s.		
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	15 % for half-year ending 31.12.01	\$29 s.		
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	First year	Tls. 17 sa.		
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Tls. 25	First year	Tls. 25		
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$7 1/2 sa.		
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6 % for 1902	Tls. 112 s.		
COTTON MILLS.					
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 40 cents per share	\$16 b.		
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	3 % for period ended 31.10.97	Tls. 39 s.		
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 40 s.		
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Int. div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898 on 6,000 shares	Tls. 45 s.		
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.00	Tls. 160 s.		
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.					
Albambra, Ltd.	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$350 s.		
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	None	\$18		
Shanghai - Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Final of Tls. 2.60 making Tls. 4.60 for the year	Tls. 60 s.		
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$23 b.		
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$112 b.		
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1902	\$15 b.		
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1901	\$71 s.		
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	80 cents for year ending 30.4.1902	\$1 1/2 b.		
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	40 cents for year ending 30.4.1902	\$71 s.		
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$140 b.		
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 % for 1902	\$115 b.		
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902	\$50 b.		
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Final of \$12, making \$16 for 1902	\$240		
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$18 for year ending 31.11.1902	\$320		
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	75 cents for year ending 31.7.1902	\$11 b.		
Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 per cent = \$2 1/2 for 1901	\$40		
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$24 1/2		
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£ 12.6	.....	\$31 b.		
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	80 cents per share	\$9 b.		
Do. Founders	\$ 10	\$19.80 per share	\$155		
Universal Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	Interim of \$1.20 per share	\$23 b.		
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	None	\$10 b.		
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 6 % making 12 % for the year	\$13		
Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	None	\$10 b.		
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 % = \$2 1/2 for half-year 1901	\$30 b.		
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	None	\$15 b.		
Maatschappij tot Mijl., Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	Guilders 100	Final of 50 cents making \$1 per share	\$10 b.		
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BRITISH WARSHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.					
(2nd May.)					
Alacrity ..	despatch ..	Shanghai ..	Mutine ..	sloop ..	Singapore ..
"Albion" ..	battleship ..	Yokohama ..	Ocean ..	battleship ..	Hongkong ..
Algerine ..	sloop ..	Hongkong ..	Oter ..	destroyer ..	en route to S'hai
Amphitrite ..	cruiser ..	Honolulu ..	Phenix ..	sloop ..	Hongkong ..
Argonaut ..	cruiser ..	Yokohama ..	Ramblin' ..	survey ..	Hongkong ..
Arnim ..	cruiser ..	Japan ..	Rinaldo ..	sloop ..	Hongkong ..
Bramble ..	gunboat ..	Wei-haiwei ..	Robin ..	river g.-b. ..	Wuchow ..
Britannia ..	gunboat ..	Wei-haiwei ..	Rosar ..	sloop ..	Hongkong ..
Cressy ..	cruiser ..	Japan ..	Sandpiper ..	river g.-b. ..	West River ..
Cherub ..	tug & water ..	Hongkong ..	Snipe ..	river g.-b. ..	Yangtze ..
Clasp ..	cruiser ..	Japan ..	Taku ..	destroyer ..	Hongkong ..
Comet ..	sloop ..	Shanghai ..	Talbot ..	cruiser ..	Shanghai ..
Conqueror ..	destroyer ..	Hongkong ..	Tamar ..	receiving ..	Hongkong ..
Countess ..	cruiser ..	Wooching ..	Thetis ..	river g.-b. ..	Yangtze ..
Glory ..	battleship ..	Wei-haiwei ..	Thetis ..	cruiser ..	en route to H'k
Guiana ..	battleship ..	Wei-haiwei ..	Tweed ..	coast g.-b. ..	Yangtze ..
Hasty ..	destroyer ..	en route to S'hai	Vestal ..	sloop ..	Japan ..
Hatfield ..	destroyer ..	Hongkong ..	Waterwitch ..	survey ..	Hongkong ..
Hebe ..	store ..	Hongkong ..	Whiting ..	destroyer ..	Hongkong ..
Hebe ..	destroyer ..	en route to S'hai	Woodcock ..	river g.-b. ..	Yangtze ..
Hebe ..	river g.-b. ..	Yangtze ..	Woodlark ..	river g.-b. ..	Yangtze ..
Hebe ..	river g.-b. ..	Hongkong ..			



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April 21st.

R. G. HECKFORD,  
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